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I. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

Nothing to report.

II. OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. In line with the suggestion I made to you I have discussed both with [] and the rest of the staff the plan for putting certain of his lectures in the framework of "party leader" giving doctrine for training to the "comrades." All seem to feel that this can be satisfactorily worked out and as a result one of the lectures in the present course on Communist Party Organization and Operations will be redrafted in this framework. If it is successful, the same method will be used in several lectures which [] will give in the JOT. I anticipate that if this works satisfactorily it should:

a) make it possible to eliminate, or at least de-emphasize certain conflicts in views which presently exist between Mr. [] and various other members of the staff. Although often these conflicts appear to be a question of semantics only, there also appears to be other cases in which a true difference of opinion is held.

b) permit students to analyze for themselves the fallacies of the various Communist line arguments. This can be useful,

c) call to the student's attention a great many terms and references to doctrine which they probably don't understand and which they will be inclined to inquire about in later sessions where the material can be analyzed and given a critique.

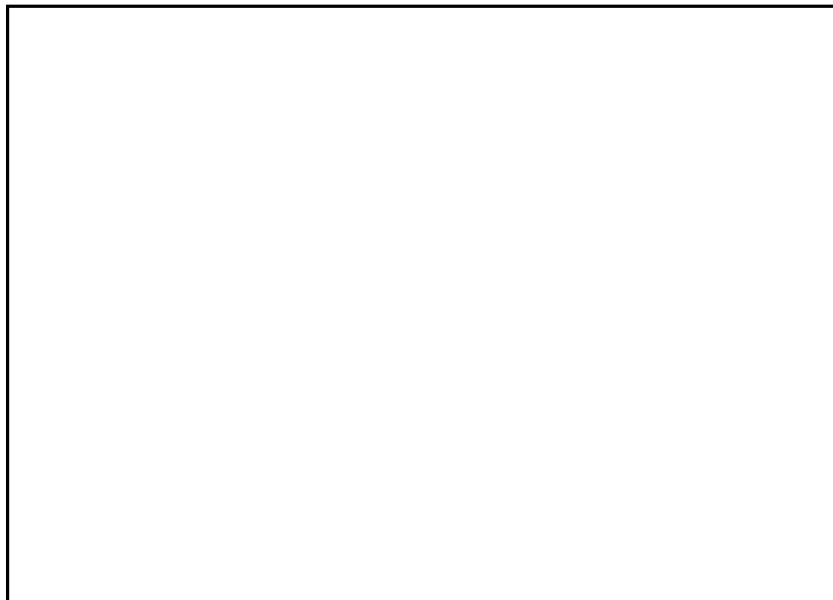
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2. Also in line with my discussion with you last Friday I have talked to [] as one of the first of the Division Chiefs, to find out what he knows and what his division feels about our school. He was very receptive and I plan on having a further discussion later with him and possibly some of his branch chiefs as to specific comments that they might make which would assist us in evaluating and improving the school and the classes for their benefit. In this connection I think it will be useful for the members of the staff here in the school to meet personally with people from the DDP divisions and it is my intention to arrange such through very informal sandwich luncheons over here -- starting with NEA.

3. Although the only courses which I have attended in the school so far have had to do with Communism and, therefore, I recognize this comment may be premature and in fact unwise, I have the general impression that some increase in the emphasis on the study of the USSR may be warranted. I am not prepared to say how this can be worked out other than the USSR area course but my experience in the field has led me to believe that a great many case officers have a very limited understanding of Soviet structure, personalities, policies et cetera. I am not sure that any greater understanding will assist them in understanding the Communist parties but I do feel that we have got to get to them to a somewhat greater degree on this subject and it is possible that the Communist party courses may provide the opportunity.

4. Non-Agency Presentations:



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